

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A multi-authenticating system also for use in organism authentication, comprising:

a first authenticating apparatus constructed by ~~[[an]]~~ a first organism authenticating unit which performs ~~makes the~~ a first organism authentication by using a physical feature of an authentication target and a medium issuing unit which issues an authenticating medium when a result of said first organism authentication is ~~indicates~~ an affirmative, wherein said authenticating medium is ~~[[a]]~~ personal property of the user of the first authenticating apparatus and is used as an authentication target;

a storage unit for storing authenticating medium validity term data and at least one use authority datum corresponding to a unique registrant identifier;

a searching unit that receives the issued authenticating medium from the first authenticating apparatus and searches the storage unit for the authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier from the authenticating medium personal property;

an apparatus discriminating unit that discriminates whether or not the use of an authenticating medium personal property apparatus is permitted on the basis of the authenticating medium validity term data and the at least one use authority datum based on the unique registrant identifier read from the authenticating medium personal

~~property, wherein if the use of the authenticating medium personal property is permitted the personal property is collected by a card collecting unit as said authenticating medium and if the authenticating medium personal property is not permitted to be used, the card collecting unit returns the personal property to the user;~~

a second authenticating apparatus ~~constructed by~~ including:

a second organism authenticating unit for performing a second organism authentication using the physical feature of the authentication target,

a medium authenticating unit ~~which authenticates~~ for authenticating the authentication target [[by]] using said authenticating medium if results of the first and second organism authentication coincide,

a medium collecting unit for collecting the authenticating medium if a result of the authenticating by the medium authenticating unit is affirmative, and

an apparatus control unit which permits use of another apparatus ~~in accordance with a result of the authentication by said authenticating medium~~ if the result of the authenticating by the medium authenticating unit is affirmative.

Claims 6-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The multi-authenticating system also for use in the organism authentication according to claim 5, wherein said first authenticating apparatus writes all data necessary for subsequent authentication into the personal

property of the user of the first authenticating apparatus, and said second authenticating apparatus can solely discriminate whether or not the use of the another apparatus is permitted on the basis of the data obtained from said personal property.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (New) The multi-authenticating system of claim 5, wherein the apparatus control unit is an electronic lock.